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SUBJECT: An SSCI Letter

- This note is FYI at present.
- 2. The DCI recently received a letter from SSCI Chairmen Boren and Cohen. A copy is attached. I apologize for the delay in passing this copy to you, but we have been extremely busy.
- 3. My plan at the moment is for REO to draft a letter of response based on existing materials and DCI/DDCI statements. A copy will be provided to you in draft for your comment.
  - 4. If you have any problems with this, or questions, please advise.

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March 16, 1988

The Honorable William Webster Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Webster:

The Committee will soon complete a very detailed review of the U.S. intelligence community's capabilities to monitor the INF Treaty. During this process, the Committee has also focused considerable attention on prospective capabilities to monitor Soviet activities in a potential START Treaty environment.

Last year the Committee asked the Intelligence Community to prepare a report on current and projected intelligence gaps on the Soviet military target. The response identified a number of very serious gaps in meeting intelligence requirements on the Soviet Union relative to arms control monitoring, assessments of Soviet weapons system developments, and support to U.S. military operations and These gaps take on even more significance in an environment that contemplates deep reductions in U.S. strategic systems.

The Committee's report on INF monitoring capabilities will likely note concerns Members have about prospective capabilities to effectively cope with these problems. enter the final stage of the INF Treaty process, we believe Members would benefit from any additional thoughts or recommendations on this subject you may have.

Specifically, as the Nation's senior intelligence officer, what is your professional advice as to any additional capabilities you deem are needed by U.S.

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intelligence to cope with potential threats to our security in the 1990's, particularly in the context of a potential

Your views on this question would be greatly appreciated as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

am S. Cohen Chairman